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Bouncing Boulders, Coyote Disguises, Talking Ducks in New State Historical Society Children's Book

PIERRE, S.D.—World-renowned author and illustrator Paul Goble has published a new children's book with the South Dakota State Historical Society Press.

In Walking Along: Plains Indian Trickster Stories, Goble has pulled together six of his best Iktomi (eek-DOE-mee) stories and compiled them into a compendium of trouble, disaster, fun and examples from which to learn. Iktomi is the Lakota name for the American Indian Trickster who appears in the stories of peoples all over the North American continent. He is famous for getting into mischief, causing trouble, and never learning the lessons handed out to him.

These timeless stories and Goble's dramatic illustrations combine to snare readers in Iktomi's waiting net and lead them on a journey of adventure with the troublesome trickster.

Albert White Hat, Sr., has contributed a foreword in which he explains the history of Iktomi and the American Indian tradition of oral history.

Born and raised in England, Caldecott-medalist Paul Goble has lived in the Black Hills of South Dakota with his wife, Janet, for more than 30 years. He has authored and illustrated more than 40 books on American Indian subjects and has received numerous awards for his work, including the prestigious Caldecott Medal from the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

Albert White Hat, Sr., is a Sicangu (see-CHAWN-goo) Lakota educator, author and linguist from Saint Francis, S.D. He has written extensively on Lakota language and has been recognized with numerous accolades and awards.

Walking Along is available for \$19.95 (plus shipping and tax where applicable) and can be purchased from most bookstores or ordered directly from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. For more information, visit www.sdshspress.com or call (605) 773-6009.

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and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.